



After his graduation, Gangaramani started his career in India. He later landed in Dubai in 1974 to work as a project engineer to construct the Dubai World Trade Centre. He did not take much time to realise the opportunity offered by a newly developing country in 1980. He forayed into the construction industry with Al Fara'a General Contracting Company which over the years evolved into Al Fara'a Construction Group. Dr. Gangaramani had a split with his employer and he founded Al Fara'a General Contracting Company, along with Amid Saleh, a UAE businessperson.

Dr. Gangaramani's Al Fara'a General Contracting Company has grown into a conglomerate, Al Fara'a Group with 11 companies and 18,000 employees under its single umbrella. The group of company has its presence in the UAE, India, Saudi Arabia and Oman. Al Fara'a General Contracting's new name is Al Fara'a General Constructions, and it remains the flagship company of the group. The group deals with construction, real estate, infrastructure, interiors and education.

Dr. Gangaramani supports a number of NGOs such as Special Care Centre in Abu Dhabi, the Hope Centre in Al Ain and Zayed Higher Organisation for Humanitarian Care, Special Needs and Minor Affairs, involved in the education and personal development of under-privileged children. He

also supports NGOs such as Deepalaya, Children's Rights in India (CRY), Oxfam India and Jeev Sewa Sansthan, which are engaged in welfare activities related to orphan children.

Dr. Gangaramani made an agreement with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, UAE to support a three-year integrated programme for the promotion and development of Emaratis. He supports a training centre in Al Ain which provides vocational training to unskilled labourers. Al Fara'a Group, under Dr. Gangaramani, was one of the first business groups in the UAE to offer support to the returning labourers during the Amnesty in 2012. He has also contributed to the construction of the headquarters for Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (Association of Bahrain

“Dr. Gangaramani is an awardee of a number of prestigious awards among which Global Indian Achiever of the Year, Padma Shri, and Pravasi Bharatiya Samman are a few”

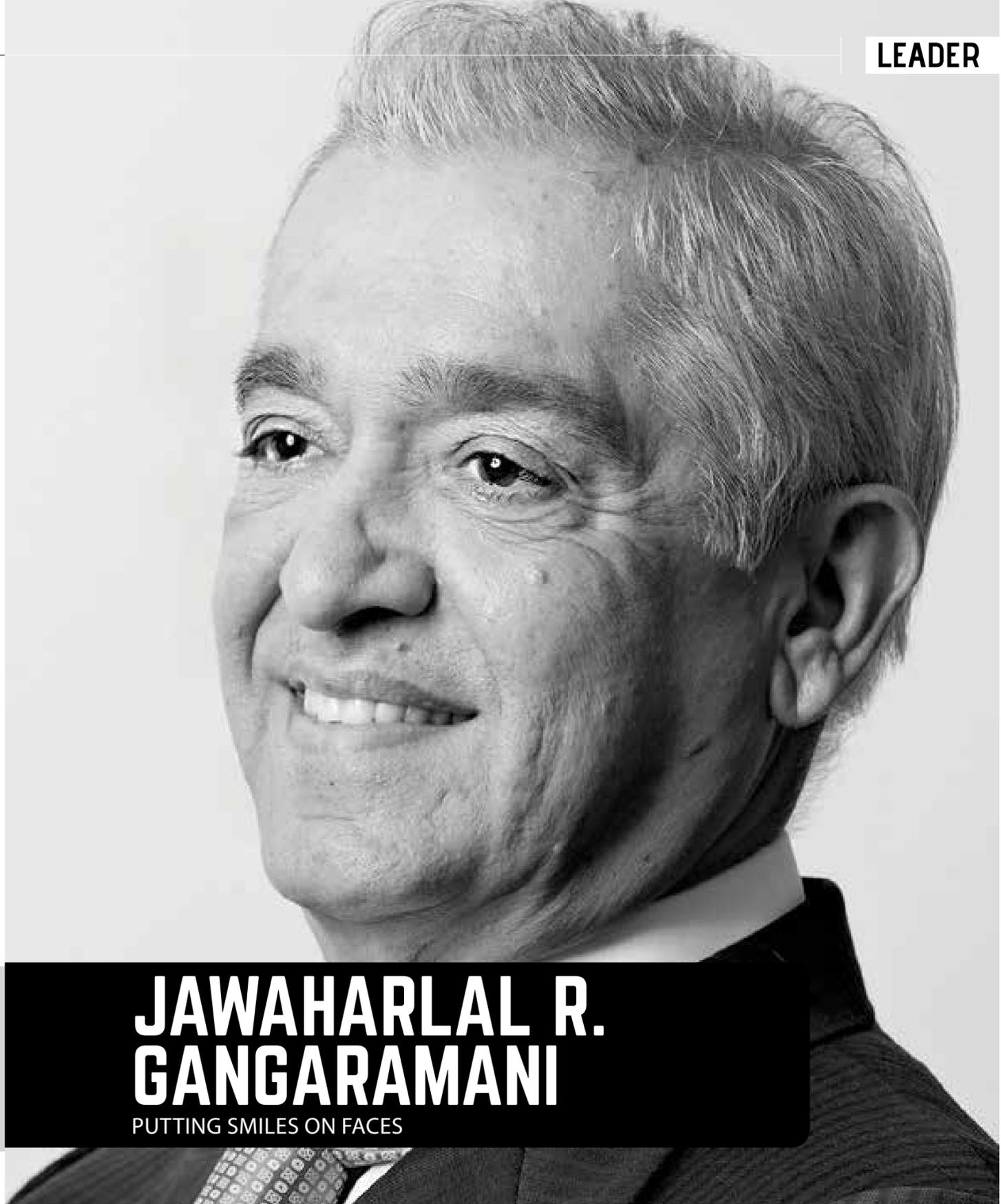
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As a great personality, Dr. Gangaramani has always been extremely devoted and active in the realm of community development. His Al Fara'a Foundation aims to harness the collective capacity of the Al Fara'a Group of Companies in a focussed manner and to efficiently meet stakeholder needs with a deliberate and value-seeking approach. The approach is based on an integrated model comprising the great values such as care, empowerment, growth, challenge and nurture. In spite of having a very busy schedule, Dr. Gangaramani invests his personal time in

these initiatives and is ever-present to offer guidance and support.

Dr. Gangaramani was listed by the arabianbusiness.com as 45th among most powerful Indians in the Persian Gulf region; by Forbes Middle East as the 21st among top 100 Indian leaders in the region; and by rediff.com as the 18th richest Indian in the Persian Gulf.

The President and Executive Chairman of Al Fara'a Construction Group, Dr. Jawaharlal Gangaramani's motto is to make others happy and put smiles on their faces. Al Fara'a Construction Group, founded in 1980 by Dr. Gangaramani, is one of the key players in the UAE real estate market, construction, design and building materials



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